Home Agent's Notes

By Mrs. B. G. Anderson
Home Demonstration Agent

Home Hazards

Since the 4-H Clubs are carrying a special 4-H Farm and Home Electric Project, and since the County-wide 4-H Electric Congress is scheduled for this month, we will talk about some of the worst hazards in connection with elect icity in the home.

Some of the worst hazards are defective extension cords which frequently cause accidents. The properly made extension cord has a rubber-covered conductor and the plug cap and socket at the ends have no metal exposed. Frayed conductors will cause shock.

Improperly located electrical fixtures, or use of appliances near water faucets may cause serious shock or electrocution. A person can reach up and turn on the light while he holds on to the water faucet a thousand times without ill effect. But if a "short" develops in the metal socket holding the light, he will receive a severe shock which may prove fatal. No electric outlet or appliance should be near or be used when a person is in a bathtub, because the water in the tub makes a perfect ground.

The overloading of circuits may cause fires, or it may lead to the installing of oversize fuses or pennies in the place of fuses.

All power-driven household appliances, such as washing machines, heating equipment, etc., should be well "grounded." The hazard occurs when the motor "shorts" out into the frame of the machine. This may occur as the machine becomes old or worn. The operator who might be standing in water would receive an unexpected and possibly fatal shock.

Children playing in the yard or adults working about the home must be aware of the dangers of electric lines above that area. Children climb trees or a part of the house and come in contact with these wires. If they are also in contact with a "ground" the result will most likely be a fatal shock. Adults working on wells and erecting television antennas let the metal pipe or guy wires come in contact with the overhead electric cables, with electrocution being the price of carelessness.

Electric wires blown down in storms may charge fences, clotheslines, etc. Children and adults must be taught the danger of picking up loose wires hanging from any kind of post. Stand on a dary board or on a rubber mat when changing fuses, never on a concrete floor, particularly if the floor is wet.

Some adult in every household should know how to apply artificial respiration. In case of electric shock resulting in unconsciousness, an immediate effort should be made by means of artificial respiration to restore natural breathing. Many lives have been saved in this way.

Check Your Mail Box

As you get the mail ltoday, take a good look at your mail box. Does its appearance help the appearance of your surroundings or could your rural mail carrier give you several pointed suggestions. Let's make a check and see if it means the following seven tests:

1. Posts painted white are straight up and down, and box is securely fastened.
2. Box is waterproof and painted white or aluminum with name neatly painted on side approached by the carrier, with black paint.
3. Box is placed near road on right-hand side as traveled by carrier.
4. Box has a signal, a door, and is easy to get mail into and to see into for letters to be mailed.
5. Approach to box is on hard level surface (gravel, cinders, stone) and is clear of bushes, weeds, and debris.
6. Box bottom is 42 inches above roadway and is on an arm extending out away from the post so it can be easily reached.
7. Several boxes are neatly and closely placed on a plank extending between posts if neighbors are close.

Remember, your carrier serves this box 305 days every year. A box correctly set up lightens his work and enables him to serve you quickly and more efficiently.

Beckham

Beckham, March 5.- Mrs. Raymond Hamilton, of Richmond visited her mother, Mrs. C. A. Moore over the week-end. Others visiting in this home were Mrs. R. S. Wheeler, Miss Mary Ann Wheeler, Mr. Rice Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore.

Mr. Eugene Drinkard, of Lynchburg was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin. Mrs. Eugene Drinkard is recovering from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Juison Morris and Glenn were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Ronnie and Carolyn Jo.

Mr. and Mrs. David Martin and Pam, Miss Eunice Martin, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Martin motored to Front Royal Sunday morning to attend services at Rockland Church, where the Rev. Randolph Martin is pastor.

Mrs. H. O. Martin honored her sister, Mrs. Estelle Grow, of Amherst with a party celebrating her 83rd birthday on Sunday afternoon. A host of relatives and friends were present for the occasion.

Mrs. David Martin, Mrs. Everette Moore and Mrs. Robert Morris attended the Wesleyan Service Guild on Monday night at the home of Mrs. Jutson Morris in Appomattox.

Richwood

Richwood, March 5.- "Be what your friends think you are; avoid being what your enemies say you are. Go right forward and be happy." —Quoted.

Mrss. Eula Fleshman is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

G. P. Brannan and daughter, Georgie Belle were in Lynchburg on business one day last week.

A birthday dinner was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy, in Lynchburg. Present were Mrs. V. M. Watts, Mr. Malcoim Driscall, of Lynchburg; and Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters, Val and Georgie Belle. They were presented with nice gifts, and a good time was had by all.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Burks, of Bent Creek, the mother of Mrs. J. J. Moore of our community. Our sympathy goes out to this family.

A. B. Hunter, Jr., spent the week-end with his family.

United States consumer prices rose again for the fifth consecutive month, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics said the outlook was for a continued upward sweep.

Rocks

Rocks, March 4.- It was pretty warm a few days last week. But it was quite icy one day.

Allen Franklin and Lewis Dickerson had charge of the prayer service on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Mary Inge is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson have returned after a trip to Kentucky, West Virginia, and other places.

Mrs. Zack Cheatham, of Evergreen, taught a mission study class on, "Japan Advances" at the church on Saturday night.

Mrs. Kate Dinkins spent the week-end with Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Rev. Joseph Darden brought a fine message last night.

A few of the young people attended the youth service in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McIntosh and daughter moved to C. S. Ranson's home Saturday.

Hixburg

Hixburg, March 5.- Mr. and Mrs Watkins McPhillips and "Mike" were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhillips.

Mrs. Wade Adams, (nee Kate Goin, of Richmond) of Charlotte Court House will leave on Friday to join her husband, Pvt. Wade Adams, at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Mrs. W. M. Erwin, Sr., of Mount Ulla, N. C., who has been visiting Miss Maggie Hix for ten days, returned to her home on Sunday.

Miss Carrie Hix returned to her home last Tuesday, after spending several days in Richmond.

Buddy Carson, of Monterey, was in last week with virus pneumonia.

The Young Peoples' Union met in the Hixburg Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening. Hunter Goin is the president. Mesdames Jim Carson, E. A. Covington, and John Goin sponsor the club. Interesting meetings have been held in the homes of Mesdames Carson, Covington, and DeWitt Goin. Light refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Mrs. Harriet Charlton, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Rosalie Fore were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fore, Sr.

Other visitors included Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fore, Jr., of Farmville; Mrs. E. C. Rogers, Mrs. R. K. Martin, Mrs. Harry Davis, and Miss Marguerite Gilliam, of Appomattox, and Mrs. Shirley Davis, of Silver Spring, Md.

Strange to say, a man hopes his lean years are behind him: a woman hopes that hers are ahead. —Kentucky Farmer.

The secret of success is to do the right thing at the right time, and do it right. —Thoughts for Today.

Stonewall

Stonewall, March 4.- Today is a very sad day for the family of Mr. H. A. Drinkard, who passed away two years ago today, March 4. He has gone, but is not forgotten by his loved ones.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Harmon Jennings is in the Lynchburg Hospital. Hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler have returned home, after visiting with relatives in Illinois and Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and children spent Sunday at Natural Bridge with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas and Mrs. Calvin Thomas spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Russell and family in Richmond. They came by Williamsburg to see her sister on their way home.

Miss Carson Crawley, of Appomattox spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

We want to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Moore on the birth of a baby girl, born last Friday, March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Jr., of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Routon and three girls, Marie, Bettie and Kitty visited in the Chick home on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler expect to attend a service at Lynchburg General Hospital on next Friday night to see their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bettie Wheeler receive her cap. She is a nurse there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robertson, of Spring Spring, visited her sister, Mrs. Minnie Burnette on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alvis, Jr., and children spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Matthews, Sr., at Orange, Va.

Mrs. Kern Mays is spending this week with her sick sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Lee had as their dinner guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler and Miss Lula Wheeler, of Rustburg. They celebrated three birthdays at that time: Mrs. Lee's, Mrs. Wheeler's, and Miss Lula Wheeler's. We wish them all many more happy days to come.

SEEING DOUBLE?

Chester, Pa.- John O'Brien, patrolman, thought he was seeing double, when he spied two cars with identical 1956 Pennsylvania license plates — 8DK89. The two cars were parked in front of each other on a Chester street. O'Brien notified the owners, Mrs. Jean E. Johnson and Aattorney Paul C. Van Dyke, both of Chester, and they, in turn, notified the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Harrisburg. A spokesman there acknowledged the error and pointed out the chances of such a thing happening are in 4,000,000.

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Garden Talk

By
Appomattox Garden Club

Today let us talk about pansies. It is not too late now to grow pansies from seed for spring bloom. Seeds sown now will produce blooming plants by April, coming into flower during the slack season after the first bloom of fall-planted pansies.

Pansy seed should be sown inside in flats or similar container. If regular flats are not available, milk cartons opened lenigh-wise are excellent for starting seeds, conserving moisture, and protecting tender young plants from cold or dry outside air. Any rich garden soil will serve.

Seeds will germinate in any temperature from 55 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit, preferring a night temperature cooler than the day. The ordinary household heating system is ideal, as it stays within this range and allows a small nightly drop in temperature..

Seedlings should be kept moist from the very beginning, since drying out at any stage is fatal. Germination usually takes place in one to three weeks, but under ideal conditions fresh seed may sprout as early as the second day. Drying at this time would, therefore, reduce the yield considerably. A good way of guarding against this is to keep the seed bed covered with a muslin cloth kept damp.

The seedlings may be planted out when an inch high, care being taken to prevent their suffering from want of moisture during transplanting.

Though spring and are best, plants can be flower all summer if ca The most important m member is that they m their leaves but cool, around their roots. The insure these conditions the plants with light b peatmoss and keep them Some protection from s during the hot months, but they should not be the shade.

Any vigorous strain of withstand Appomattox w out harm, but some grow mend a light covereing o the fall. If leaves are should be taken not t them with too heavy a c

Although pansies are considered biennials, w care strong plants will blooms for a number of should be pruned to k growth compact and sto prevent crowding. Prop apart for mature plants 8 inches.

If there are plants of al quality, they may be by division, for seeds p spring too varied in char pend on exact reproduc 2,500. She gave credit to will be lost or discarded will die or cease to bloo old age, it is considered have a new crop of see ing on every year or fr from seed sown in July will have time to harden for winter and will bloom following spring.

Be very sure to buy for you will have your dreams for nothing if yo ferior, faulty seed. And to be generous with the

A woman's idea of wo cret is refusing to tell to her. —Frances Rodm

Murray Speaker

ments of early spring were used on the tables in parts of the Appomattox School Monday even. The Woman's Club of Appomattox held a dinner meeting, by the Public Affairs and Department, of which Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Ryland M. co-chairman. In celebra the Golden Jubilee Anniver the Virginia Federation. The other was carried out in hall, to the dinner attended members and their special ding the Girl Scouts, of the Junior Woman's other guests. Dr. W. Twyman, pastor of the Appo Presbyterian Church, re marks.

William S. Murray, of Hol president of the Virginia Fed addressed the meeting. She introduced by Mrs. Carr.

Murray stated there are 396 Clubs in the state of Virgin a membership of approx 75,000. She gave credit to the for much constructive and mentioned one es the Chemical Test Bill. that the club women are credited with the establish a number of public libra sponsoring local Health De She reminded the group Club Federation spearhead

ed the program for retarded children in Virginia, which is now making great strides.

"An informed club woman is an inspired one and we must answer the call for leadership, one of our greatest needs," said Mrs. Murray.

She urged the club to arrange public forums, to promote study groups, laying emphasis on religion. "We must be familiar with the religions of the world to understand other nations," she said.

"The measure of the life is the service that you give. Let us grow in numbers and achievements," she urged.

She closed by repeating this motto:

Look well to this day, for it is life.
In its brief course lie all the realities of your existence.
The bliss is growth,
The Glory of action,
The splendor of beauty.
For every yesterday is but a dream,
And every tomorrow is but a vision.
But this day well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Therefore look well to this day.
This is the salutation of the dawn.

Ford and Chrysler output ahead of 1956.

U. S. finds 9,000 children illegally employed.

Southern Conference basketball tournament being held in Richmond.

Demonstration Club Schedule

Schedule of meetings of Home Demonstration Clubs:

Monday, March 11.-The Bethany Home Demonstration Club will meet at 1:30 P. M., with Mrs. W. C. Paulette. Demonstration will be given by Mrs. Ryland Staples. Program on Health will be given by Mrs. Ronald Paulette.

Monday, March 11.- The Richwood Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M., with Mrs. J. E. Wooldridge and Miss Rosa Mae Wooldridge, co-hostesses. Demonstration will be given by Mrs. Fred Wooldridge and Mrs. J. E. Green. The Program on Health will be given by Miss Rosa Mae Wooldridge.

Tuesday, March 12.- Clover Hill Home Demonstration Club will postpone their meeting until Monday, March 18.

Thursday, March 14.- Stonewall Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M., at the Stonewall Community Center. The demonstration will be given by Mrs. L. B Thomas and Mrs. Wilton Routon. Miss Edna Adcock will have the Program on Health.

Friday, March 15.- The Trinity Home Demonstration Club will meet at 10:00 A. M., with Mrs. S. G. Martin. Mrs. Martin and Mrs Anderson will give the demonstration on the heat use of the home freezer, and salads.

Saturday, March 16.- County 4-H Electric Congress.

ABBITT LASHES OUT AT ADMINISTRATION ON SCHOOLS

Representative Watkins M. Abbitt (D.-Va.) told a House Education and Labor Subcommittee Tuesday that if the Federal government goes into the field of assisting states and localities to build schools, it will mean that lower levels of government will eventually "lose all control."

He appeared before subcommittee tee with a sharply-worded attack on the Administration's plan to assist localities and states to the tune of $325,000,000 a year for four years, aid in selling school bonds and planning, and development programs.

The Virginia Congressman asserted forcefully that education is a function of the localities and not of the Federal government." To abandon this, he declared, would mean "the beginning of the end" of the school systems which have served this country since its early days.

"To remove the responsibility for educating our children from the local level will necessarily and unavoidedly greatly weaken democracy at the grass roots," Abbitt told the subcommittee.

The Virginian said he is "convinced" the localities and the states can carry the burden of financing needed new school buildings and pointed out that "the states are far better off financially than is the monstrous Federal government."

The Fourth District Congressman chided the Administration for "casting in the wastebasket" the report presented by the Study Committee on Federal Responsibility in Education in 1955. This study committee, composed of 15 leaders in the field of education, was appointed by the 25-member Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, which was charged by the Eisenhower Administration with finding out what role the Federal government should play in such fields as education, highways, public welfare and other areas.

Abbitt reminded the subcommittee that this group determined after a year of intensive study that "Federal aid is not necessary either for current operating expenses for public schools or for capital expenditures for new school facilities" and concluded that "local communities and states are able to supply both in accordance with the will of the people."

Play safe - drive carefully.

HONOR ROLL FOR APPOMATTOX HIGH SCHOOL

The honor roll for the 3rd six week period at the Appomattox High School:

12th Grade

Anne Abbitt, Barbara Almond, Bradley Babcock, Jack Caldwell, Gene Carson, Hunter Chilton, Fountain Conner, Ottie Conner, Frankie Doss, Roberta Franklin, Frank Hanenkrat, Ruby Jones, Nancy Martin, Janice McClenny, Thomas O'Brien, Dorothy Painter, Buddy Poe, Mary Thomas, and Barbara Wooldridge.

11th Grade

Lois Ashworth, Rachel Austin, Frances Carson, Laura Carson, Jacqueline Cobbs, Isabelle Coleman, John Evans, Ray Franklin, June Harper, Carrie Jane Ingo, Ralph Inge, Winifred Lee, Raymond Massie, Luther Reyholds and Rosa Lee Shelton.

10th Grade

Peyton Abbitt, Etta Beale, Charles Burks, Ida Covington, Ann Cunningham, Bobby Garrett, Peggy Godsey, Clarence Grishaw, Walter Hancock, Kenneth Marshall, Helen Martin, Virginia Megginson, Glenn Morris, Frances Sanders, Jack Tibbs, Dennis Torrence and Louise Wood.

9th Grade

Sara Adams, Jo Ann Beamer, Emily Burke, Carole Faye Couch, Audrey Evans, Nancy Evans, Mildred Franklin, Lyle Garrett, Patsy Gilbert, Charles Gills, Hazel Hamock, Linda Hunter, Carolyn Jones, Anne Martin, Ella Louise Rosser, Steve Runkle, Linda Sarver, Douglas Seamster, Brian Thomas.

8th Grade

Linwood Allen, Tommy Ashworth, Larry Bingham, Carey Ann Carson, Harold Conner, Dillard Franklin, Robert Garrett, Dicky Guill, Roberta Lee Gunter, Donald Gurney, Howlette Hunter, Gerald Leffers, Bently Martin, Faye Martin, Cecil Layvonne May, Eva Moore, Eleanor Richardson, Robbie Lou Robertson, Billy Slagle, Phillip Sidow, Phyllis Thompson, Hunter Tolley, Larry Torrence, Harriette Carson, Harold Carter, Teddy Wayne Garrett.

Homemakers Items

Profitable Home Sewing

Which items of clothing, if made at home, help the family budget most?

This is a question of importance for many homemakers who want to use their time and sewing skill to the best advantage, say home economists at VPI.

They say U. S. Department of Agriculture experments with three types of cotton dresses, commonly made at home, indicate that making women's daytime or street dresses is most worthwhile when money savings and time spent are both considered.

Children's dresses rate second place, and women's house dresses last. Although savings on children's dresses were less than for women's daytime dresses, they were appreciable. For the study of children's dresses 5 styles of ready-to-wear dresses, ranging in price from $2.99 to $5.99, were used. They were copied as closely as possible by experienced seamstresses using similar materials. Records were kept of the time spent making the dresses and the cost of materials.

The total cost of the 5 ready-to-wear dresses was $21.94. In contrast, the total direct cost of the 5 "homemade" children's dresses was $11.15. The time spent in making the dresses averaged a little less than 2 hours per dress and the savings was an average of $2.16 per dress.

A comparison of figures for the three types of dresses shows that making children's dresses saves less than making women's street dresses, but more than making women's house dresses. Ready-to-wear women's street dresses purchased at about $10 could be made for about $5, but house dresses bought at about $3.60 cost about $2.25 to make at home.

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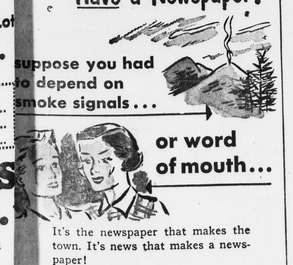

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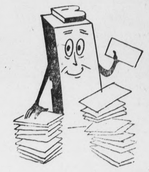
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